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# Weekly Views

Frank Littlejohn is the new Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF) Assistant Superintendent of Operations! Wabash Superintendent Dick Brown said Frank Littlejohn brings over 16 years of experience as an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Wabash Correctional Police Officer (CPO) Commander to his new assignment. Littlejohn has served as an Assistant Shift Supervisor, Housing Lieutenant over two segregation units and been a member of the WVCF Emergency Squad. Superintendent Brown noted Littlejohn has been an Internal Affairs Investigator since 2006 and graduated from the first IDOC CPO Academy. Congratulations Assistant Superintendent Littlejohn! (see photo right)

The Executive Staff at the Westville Correctional Facility (WCC) are quite pleased with the results from efforts to improve staff attendance. During the 2012 calendar year, 59 staff did not call off sick. This means that 13% of WCC's workforce had perfect attendance. This type of team work and dedication improves staff morale and saves taxpayer dollars. These 59 employees will be publically recognized at WCC's next staff assembly.



Groups from the Indianapolis Women's Chorus and various religious sects came to the Indiana Women's Prison for the Winter Solstice. The Winter Solstice service summarized the movement from winter darkness to spring light. The metaphor for dark encouraged offenders to learn from the pain and difficulties of life, knowing the hope of light is promised, the light that moves toward celebration, new birth and renewed life. The darkness to light metaphor was detailed through music, song and dance that was enjoyed by all.

Renita Hills, renowned inspirational speaker and domestic violence survivor, spoke to offenders assigned to the Putnamville Correctional Facility's Pre-release Re-entry class. Ms. Hills told her personal story of physical abuse, vindication, and the long road of healing and the importance of forgiveness. As an advocate for victims of domestic violence, Ms. Hills has been presented before the General Assembly, served as a Domestic Violence Panelist, and championed causes promoting teen self-esteem and domestic violence awareness and prevention. (see photo left)



The Plainfield Correctional Facility (PCF) received a visit from Pastor Dean Bouzeous, a sports minister from The Gathering Place of Greenwood, IN and his basketball team, the Greenwood All Stars. Pastor Bouzeous gave the offenders a sermon focusing on their game plan for life. The Greenwood All Stars played a game against Plainfield's offender team, the PCF All Stars. The PCF All Stars were able to pull out a 63-44 victory over the Greenwood All Stars for the first time in five years!

The Correctional Industrial Facility recognized two employees for their hard work that has saved thousands of dollars for the facility. Maintenance Foremen Jeff Riggs and Jeff Pyle were both honored for their continuing effort of installing heavy duty security screens in the facility housing units. The screens are manufactured, painted and installed all at the facility, saving thousands by not paying outside contractors. Great job guys!

The Rockville Correctional Facility PLUS offenders donated a hand-crocheted blanket to the Sandy Hook Elementary School. The word "HOPE" is a design created in Newton, Connecticut where the flag in the "O" represents an iconic flag that stands in the town. There are 26 hearts on the bottom of the blanket to represent the 26 lives lost during the tragedy. Along with the blanket, the PLUS offenders created a card that included a check in the amount of \$100 to benefit "Sandy Hook Promise", a non-profit corporation created by members of the Newtown community in hopes of affecting positive change in response to the events on December 14, 2012. For more information about this program, visit [www.sandyhookpromise.org](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org) (Pictured below are offenders Tosha Fording and Jessica Boyd holding the blanket.)

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) recognized the accomplishments of many staff. Those honored as Employees of the Quarter include: MAMP Director Robert Eutz – Employee of the Month, Lieutenant Matthew Clothier – Supervisor of the Month and Officer Jean LeJeune – Custody Officer of the Month. Among those honored with quarterly Leadership Challenge Awards were Sergeant Cody Bockover – Inspire a Shared Vision Award, Correctional Release Assistant Matthew Bishir – Enabling Others to Act Award, Correctional Caseworker Kelly Bradley – Challenge the Process Award, Sergeant Jeff Childers – Encourage the Heart Award, and Sergeant Hardy Scott – Model the Way Award. Miami Superintendent Mark Sevier also announced the promotion of David Waggoner to Maintenance Supervisor 3. Waggoner "has consistently accepted new job duties and responsibilities and works hard to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for staff and offenders," stated Superintendent Sevier.

